

stay there awhile. So the white people crowded 'em out and the government said they would have to move. So, she said, they did. She said they begin to pull up their poles and stuff and cut poles for their teepees and things and they didn't have no wagon sheets to put on 'em like they have now. They had hides and things that they had killed, buffaloes and things like that. She said now when they tell you that the early life, the Indian's life was easy, she said it wasn't easy. (Well it would have been much easier if they hadn't been crowded so much too?)

Oh yes.

(The Indians of your people, they were influenced by the French, were they not?)

Yes they were. Specially when you around 'em lots. After my mother and father was married--they was married two years after the war, Civil war, they wasn't around 'em so much. And when they come here I would talk with the Peorias. Now my mother's kind of people, they talk long and slow. And the Peorias talk fast. (Static on tape here) but you could understand 'em just the same.

(But having lived nearby them, it would just be natural that she would marry there?)

Oh yes. Now she wasn't very happy. But she sure had Indian ways. (static on tape) She died in '33. (not clear) I don't understand you, but you can be a friend (not clear). Now my sister is right now. (static). Oh yes. Mama used to say the white man has ruined the Indians to be afraid of 'em, 'cause I guess, they done them really dirty. They say they did. I don't know.

(Well, the more I read about 'em, the--it seems like there was a lot of injustices done.)

And mama said the first steel plow she ever seen--that always amazes me--